15 million people employed in December 2025

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The number of employed people rose by 99,800 people to 15.0 million in the December quarter 2025, according to Labour Account figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Sean Crick, head of ABS labour statistics, said: 'The number of employed people rose by 0.7 per cent in line with the 0.7 per cent rise in hours worked this quarter.

Multiple job-holders rose 0.4 per cent to 976,400 people, following a rise of 2.4 per cent in the previous quarter. Despite the two quarterly rises, there were 9,800 fewer multiple job-holders compared to December quarter 2024.'

Employed people and rate of multiple job-holding

Filled jobs rose 0.4 per cent (60,700 jobs) to 16.1 million jobs. This reflected a rise in both main jobs and secondary

jobs of 0.4 per cent, or 56,400 and 4,300 respectively.

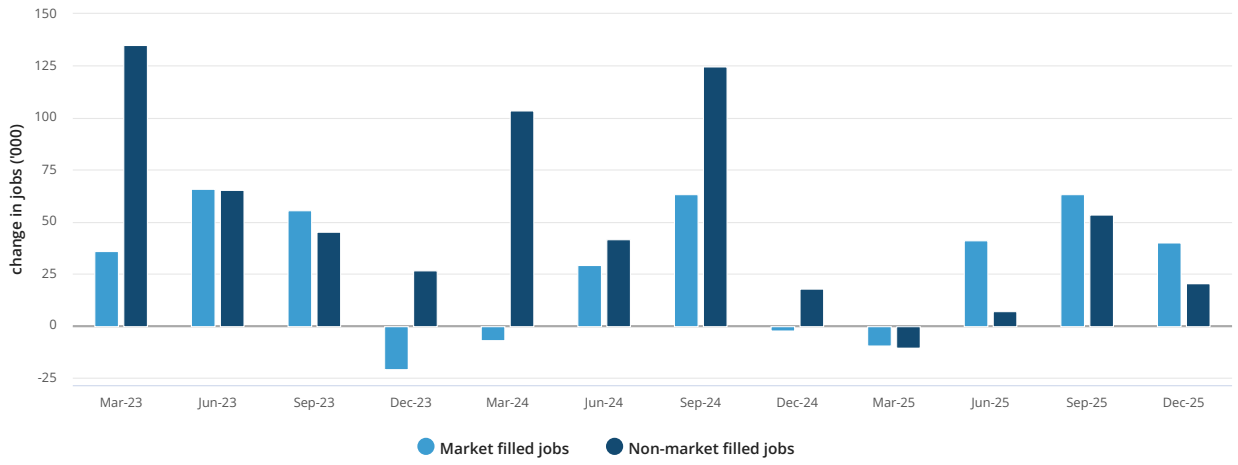
‘The number of job vacancies decreased over the quarter, while proportion of vacant jobs remained stable at 2.0 per cent,’ Mr Crick said.

Both market and non-market sectors continue to grow

Market sector filled jobs rose 0.4 per cent (40,100 jobs) this quarter and the non-market sector rose 0.4 per cent (20,600 jobs), recording the third quarterly rise for both sectors.

Through the year to December 2025, market sector filled jobs rose 1.2 per cent (135,300 jobs), accounting for around 66 per cent of the growth in total filled jobs. Non-market sector filled jobs rose 1.5 per cent (71,700 jobs) and accounted for around 34 per cent of growth in total filled jobs through the year.

Filled jobs by sector



Industry analysis

Hours worked grew in 16 out of 19 industries this quarter.

‘The largest growth in hours worked was a 5.4 per cent rise in Agriculture, forestry and fishing. This rise was largely due to a strong harvest season and bouncing back from the 6.3 per cent fall in September quarter 2025.

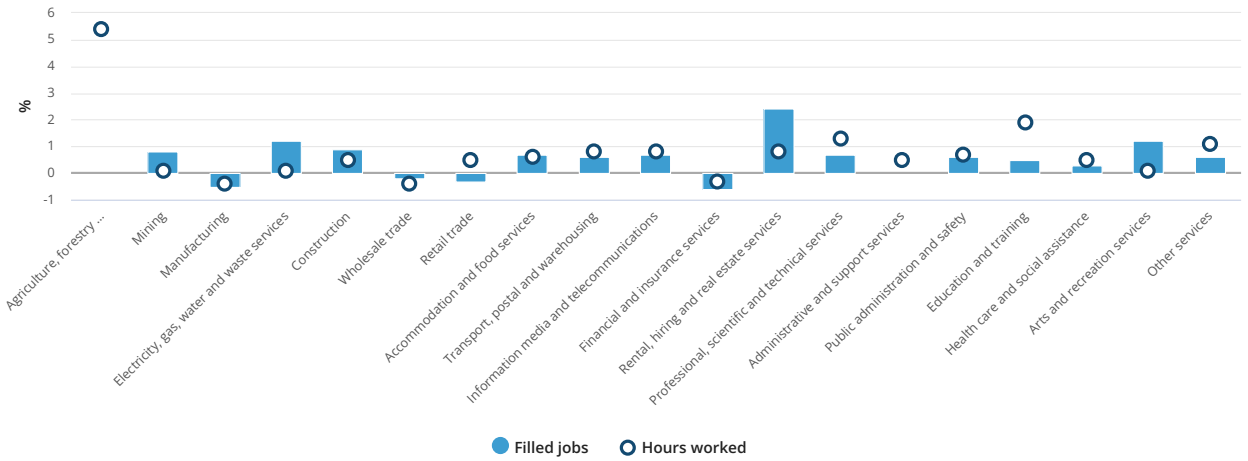
Filled jobs grew in 14 out of 19 industries this quarter.

The Construction industry drove the rise in total filled jobs, recording a rise of 0.9 per cent this quarter. Over the past twelve months, the Construction industry also saw the largest growth in the number of filled jobs, growing by 4.5 per cent or 57,700 jobs.

‘Construction is now the third largest employing industry in Australia, accounting for 8.2 per cent of total filled jobs in

December quarter 2025,' Mr Crick added.

Quarterly percentage change in filled jobs and hours worked by industry



Media notes

- The Australian Labour Account complements other ABS measures to build a more comprehensive picture of the labour market. It provides the number of filled jobs at a point-in-time each quarter, while the annual Jobs in Australia provides insights into all jobs held throughout the year, and Labour Force Survey measures the number of people employed each month.
- Additional insights on multiple job-holders can be found in the multi-source Multiple job-holders release (/statistics/labour/jobs/multiple-job-holders/latest-release) , which is published a week after the quarterly Labour Account on Friday 13 March 2026. The release combines data from a number of complementary labour sources to offer valuable additional detail into characteristics of multiple job-holders.
- On 13 March, the ABS will release an update to the December quarter 25 Labour Account publication which will for the first time include Labour Account data disaggregated by Sex and Age group. The December quarter 25 Multiple job-holders will include a subset of the new sex and age group estimates.
- Data contained in this media release refer to seasonally adjusted estimates, unless otherwise stated.
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